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SUBJECT: NOWAK VISIT: US-POLAND ENERGY COOPERATION

REF: STATE 032838

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1. AMBASSADOR MET MARCH 6 WITH VICE MINISTER NOWAK FOR REVIEW OF POLISH COAL EXPERTS' MISSION TO US LAST MONTH AND DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR MITREGA VISIT. NOWAK WAS PLEASED WITH HIGH INTEREST OF US INDUSTRY IN COOPERATION WITH POLAND IN COAL CONVERSION, MINING TECHNOLOGY AND MINE SAFETY, AND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION. HE REPORTED FOLLOW-UP ON INDUSTRIAL CONTACTS, AS AGREED DURING MEETINGS WITH U.S. FIRMS, IS PROCEEDING AS PLANNED.

2. NOWAK'S ASSESSMENT OF CONTACTS WITH US GOVERNMENT DURING VISIT WAS MORE NUANCED, ALTHOUGH HE WAS SATISFIED WITH MITREGA INVITATION AND POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL ENERGY COOPERATION AGREEMENT. NOWAK STATED HE HAD NOT

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PRESSED QUESTION OF US GOVERNMENT DOLLARS FOR DEMONSTRATION

PLANT PROJECTS SINCE IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT TO DO SO WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER, HE DID MENTION THAT US FIRMS INTERESTED IN DEMONSTRATION PLANT COOPERATION HAD UNIFORMLY INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF US GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION. EMBASSY NOTES RECORD OF FEBRUARY 8 DISCUSSION BETWEEN NOWAK AND INTERIOR UNDER SECRETARY WHITAKER STATES THAT INTERIOR IS GENERALLY RESTRICTED FROM COMMITTING DOLLARS FOR FOREIGN PROGRAMS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION WHETHER RESTRICTION APPLIES ONLY TO DIRECT R&D CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS, OR WOULD ALSO PRECLUDE US FIRMS HAVING R&D CONTRACTS WITH INTERIOR FROM PURSUING SUCH RESEARCH PROGRAMS WITH FOREIGN PARTICIPATION.

3. WHEN AMBASSADOR HANDED TEXT OF INVITATION LETTER FROM SECRETARY MORTON TO MITREGA ON FEBRUARY 22, LATTER ACCEPTED INVITATION BUT DID NOT SUGGEST DATES. DURING MEETING ON MARCH 6, NOWAK STATED POSSIBLE TIMING FOR MITREGA VISIT WOULD BE DURING LAST TEN DAYS IN MAY. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS PROPOSED TIMING IS ACCEPTABLE.

4. NOWAK STATED THAT UNDER SECRETARY WHITAKER TOLD HIM A GROUP OF INTERIOR TECHNICAL EXPERTS PLAN A TOUR OF WESTERN EUROPE THIS SPRING, AND THAT THEY MIGHT ALSO VISIT POLAND. PLEASE CONFIRM, WITH DATES OF VISIT TO POLAND AND NAMES AS SOON AS THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. NOWAK ALSO MENTIONED HE HAD JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM UNDER SECRETARY WHITAKER. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY ASAP.

5. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT COOPERATION WITH US INDUSTRY ON DEMONSTRATION PLANTS MIGHT BEST BE ACHIEVED AS MIXED-CAPITAL JOINT VENTURES. HE RECOUNTED THAT ON MARCH 4 HE HAD GIVEN TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE OLECHOWSKI A LIST OF FIFTEEN US FIRMS EXPRESSING INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURES IN POLAND IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL SECTORS. THE LIST INCLUDED OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM, FMC, STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA, AND UOP, ALL OF WHICH ARE POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE PARTNERS WITH POLAND ON DEMONSTRATION PLANTS. NOWAK RESPONDED THAT JOINT VENTURES BASED ON RESEARCH PROJECTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLY EASIER FOR POLAND TO ACCEPT THAN STRICTLY COMMERCIAL JOINT VENTURES.

6. NOWAK STATED THAT EFFORT WOULD BE MADE DURING NEXT TWO MONTHS TO PREPARE FOR ENERGY COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH HE HOPES COULD BE SIGNED DURING THE MITREGA VISIT TO US. HE SAID THE AGREEMENT COULD BE BETWEEN INTERIOR AND THE MINISTRY OF MINING AND POWER, OR BETWEEN THE TWO

GOVERNMENTS; IT IS UP TO THE US TO DECIDE. THE TYPE OF AGREEMENT NOWAK ENVISAGES WOULD REFERENCE:

1) CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT PL-480 COOPERATION ON COAL RESEARCH;

2) COOPERATION WITH US INDUSTRY ON DEMONSTRATION PLANTS AND OTHER LARGE ENERGY R&D PROJECTS. (NOWAK EXPECTS THAT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS UNDER THIS HEADING WILL BE DEVELOPED WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS IN COOPERATION WITH US INDUSTRY. NOWAK STATED HE WAS TOLD BY INTERIOR THAT PRECEDENTS EXIST FOR AGREEMENTS WHICH LIST THE FIRMS AND TECHNICAL PROCESSES OF COOPERATIVE INTEREST. WHILE NOWAK HOPES THAT SOME REFERENCE TO JOINT FINANCING OF RESEARCH BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD BE MADE HERE, IT WOULD NOT BE AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT FOR THE POLES);

3) ENCOURAGEMENT OF CLOSER COMMERCIAL RELATIONS IN COAL MINING AND OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY;

4) PETROLEUM EXPLORATION. (NOWAK LISTED STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA, OCCIDENTAL, GLOBAL MARINE AND ATLANTIC RICHFIELD AS HAVING ACTIVE INTEREST IN PETROLEUM EXPLORATION IN POLAND.

7. NOWAK PROPOSED MEETING BY GOVERNMENT EXPERTS IN WARSAW OR WASHINGTON TO WORK OUT THE TEXT OF AGREEMENT AND OTHER DETAILS SEVERAL WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE MITREGA VISIT.

8. COMMENT: ENERGY AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY NOWAK IS CONSIDERABLY MORE SPECIFIC AND WIDER THAN THAT DESCRIBED IN STATE 32838. IF NOWAK'S VIEWS APPEAR FEASIBLE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT, SUCH AS THOSE CONCLUDED WITH USSR. PL-480 COAL RESEARCH PROGRAM IS ALREADY DIVIDED BETWEEN EPA AND INTERIOR AND COMMERCIAL COAL MINING AND PETROLEUM CONTACTS APPEAR NOT ENTIRELY WITHIN INTERIOR'S PURVIEW. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS. DAVIES

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